

1998. Later in that same year he would be elected vice-president of the UFCW. Working in all aspects of these organizations, Mr. Hall is an integral component of the development and success of all organizations with which he works. He is currently President Emeritus of Local 108, RWDSU.

In addition to being an active member in the Labor movement, Mr. Hall is also very active within the community, working with the Young Businessmen's Association of Newark as well as the Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeer, Inc. His contributions to the community are innumerable, and I am thankful to stand here today to recognize his work.

As Mr. Hall gathers with family and friends to celebrate his long and successful career, I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing his substantial contributions and in wishing him the very best as he pursues other endeavors.

HONORING MIKE DAVIS

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Mike Davis of Pueblo, Colorado. As the president of Pueblo Community College, he has done much to promote the importance of higher education in my district, and today I would like to highlight his accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Mike worked as a clinical social worker before entering academia as an instructor at Vincennes University in Indiana, the community college where he earned an associate's degree in psychology in 1972. Taking on increasing leadership roles at Vincennes, Mike eventually earned a doctorate in higher education administration. He came to Pueblo from Indiana to serve as PCC's executive vice president in 2000, assuming the job of president in 2001.

As a community college graduate himself, Mike understands the pivotal role these institutions play in the intellectual development of his students. As president of PCC, Mike has been an exceptional supporter of the Phi Theta Kappa honor society that promotes scholarship and a lively intellectual climate among students at two-year colleges. Mike will receive the Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction from Phi Theta Kappa for his support of the society and its PCC chapter.

Mr. Speaker, our nation's community colleges are learning centers for a wide variety of students, helping them to achieve their goals. Mike Davis encourages high standards for intellectual achievement in the academic community he heads, and his support for Phi Theta Kappa is only one measure of that support. It is a great privilege to salute Mike before this body of Congress and this nation for his achievements as both a teacher and a community leader.

ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND
WILDLIFE—PERSPECTIVE FROM
WYOMING

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, this week the House will be debating major legislation to revise our national policies regarding energy.

There are many aspects to that debate. One that must not be overlooked is the need to balance energy development on Federal lands with the other resources, values, and uses of those lands. Colorado and the other Rocky Mountain states have a great stake in that part of the debate—something that was well illustrated by a recent article by one of our neighbors, Ted Kerasote, entitled "Wyoming Lives Uneasily with Big Game and Big Equipment."

For the benefit of our colleagues, I am attaching that article:

[From the Writers on the Range]

WYOMING LIVES UNEASILY WITH BIG GAME
AND BIG EQUIPMENT

(By Ted Kerasote)

As meat lockers go, this corner of northwestern Wyoming is one of the prettiest on earth. Behind me, as I sit on this sage-covered bluff, is a great horseshoe of snow-dusted peaks: the Wind Rivers, the Gros Ventres, the Wyoming Range. Ahead lies the Upper Green River Valley: empty, vast and skeined with moving lines of pronghorn antelope.

Twice each year, these herds move south to their winter range and return north to summer forage. Some of these antelope routinely trek 200 miles to Grand Teton National Park, making their particular migration the longest undertaken by any mammal in the Lower 48.

In addition to the 32,000 pronghorn out here, there's also 48,000 mule deer, some of them moving upwards of a hundred miles to reach the surrounding national forests and their summer haunts. Now and then I see some of the 8,000 elk that seep down from the high country, and there's rarely a morning when, walking across these hills and draws, I don't flush a covey of sage grouse.

The size of small turkeys, the birds stop my heart when they burst directly from beneath my feet.

With the quarters of one antelope already on ice, I'm sitting up here and looking for another; in fact, two. Like many people in Wyoming, I haven't eaten farm-raised meat in decades. Three antelope, one elk and a variety of grouse, ducks, and geese feed my family and me, and the friends who help with the packing, from fall to fall. It's one of the blessings of living amid lots of publicly owned land: Food is inexpensive, healthy and fills the soul while it's gathered.

Or so it's been until recently.

Today, when I look south, I can see several pickup trucks leaving dust plumes, here and there an ATV skittering through the sage, men erecting airdrops on hilltops, and a line of enormous "thumper trucks," big as tanks, rumbling their slow way across the landscape. Overhead, helicopters flash as they tend seismic equipment that read what lies below. The antelope, trying to negotiate this gauntlet, rush helter-skelter from thumper truck to hovering helicopter and back.

Natural gas happens to be one of the other blessings of these public lands. The Bureau of Land Management has already permitted

3,090 wells in what's called the Pinedale Resource Area, with many more on the way. In fact, with the Bush administration's push to fast-track the production of domestic energy resources, the BLM has exceeded the number of wells permitted by its 1988 Resource Management Plan. It's now in the midst of writing a new one, which will decide the fate of the Upper Green's wildlife for next 15 to 20 years.

I suspect that many hunters in the basin (2,600 go after antelope, 7,300 after mule deer, and 7,600 after elk) feel about the way I do: We all use natural gas, but we're not willing to extract it at the expense of the region's wildlife. So what I've been saying to the BLM is this: Protect the land critical to these animals in winter; make it off-limits to anything that might disturb it.

The animals' transitional habitat needs to be protected as well. That's all the country antelope and deer use for food and rest while on their migrations to and from their summer and winter ranges. Anyone who has spent some time in this basin has probably noticed the passages through which deer and antelope have migrated for millennia, some of them only a half-mile wide. These bottlenecks need to be safeguarded.

The Bureau of Land Management also needs to recognize that more than energy development is taking place out here. Private lands are being subdivided even as some livestock grazing continues, and an ever-increasing number of recreationists—from hunters and anglers to snowmobilers and ATVers—use roads and trails and everything in between.

What I'm describing, of course, are cumulative impacts—something the federal agency has done a poor job of adding up. The current resource plan, in fact, lacks such an analysis. Most of all, what I keep asking of our federal land managers is caution: Let's find out what's happening to wildlife before we permit more gas well development.

Today, though, I have nothing left to say. Thumper trucks shaking the ground approach my bluff, and I head back to the car, looking for some undisturbed bit of country. These days in the Upper Green, it is getting harder and harder to find.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. BOYD. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed the following votes. Had I been present for rollcall votes 105, 109, 110, and 111, I would have voted the following way: rollcall Vote No. 105: "nay;" rollcall Vote No. 109: "yea;" rollcall Vote No. 110: "yea;" rollcall Vote No. 111: "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall Votes Nos. 109, 110, and 111, I was unavoidably detained with important matters in my district.

As a result, I was unable to cast a vote on the measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1901 West Evans Street in Florence, South Carolina, as the "Dr. Roswell N. Beck Post Office

Building," the measure expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the month of April should be designated as "Financial Literacy for Youth Month" and the measure to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7554 Pacific Avenue in Stockton, California, as the "Norman D. Shumway Post Office Building."

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Vote No. 109, "aye" on rollcall Vote No. 110 and "aye" on rollcall Vote No. 111.

HONORING THE MONTROSE SENIOR CENTER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Senior Center of Montrose, Colorado on the occasion of its thirtieth anniversary. Since 1973, the Senior Center has provided a place for seniors to gather, share a hot meal, and participate in a variety of group activities. The center plays a pivotal role in the Montrose community, and today I would like to celebrate its anniversary before this body of Congress and this nation.

The Senior Center has grown and changed over the thirty years since it first offered a Valentine's Day bingo game, finally establishing a permanent meeting place in 1990 with the opening of the Montrose Pavilion. The center's meal program has steadily grown, now serving an average of 139 meals at the center and delivering seventy-two more to homebound seniors every day. The senior recreation department offers about twenty-five classes a week, introducing seniors to computers, yoga, and oil painting and offering events such as lectures and sporting tournaments for over 1,500 participants a month. In a rural community like Montrose, the senior center provides an important focal point for enhancing the lives of senior citizens, both physically and mentally.

Mr. Speaker, the Montrose Senior Center has been providing many services crucial to the local senior community for thirty years and it shows no signs of slowing down. Its longevity is admirable—a credit to its members and the surrounding community. Today I would like to congratulate the Senior Center of Montrose for its outreach to the senior citizen community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was absent for votes on Monday, April 7, 2003, as a result of a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have cast my votes as follows: Rollcall vote No. 111: "aye"; rollcall vote No. 110: "aye"; and rollcall vote No. 109: "aye."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, April 7th, I missed rollcall votes 109, 110 and 111, due to a flight delay. If I had been present I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 109, "yea" on rollcall No. 110 and "yea" on rollcall No. 111.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, on April 7, 2003, I was unavoidably detained at a leadership meeting and missed the vote on rollcall No. 109 on H.R. 1055, the Roswell N. Beck Post Office Building Designation Act.

Had I been present, I would have voted, "yes."

TRIBUTE TO THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, Lucas County, Ohio will celebrate Public Health Week April 7–13, 2003. I am pleased to recognize the efforts of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and its Public Health Planning Committee in its efforts to promote health education for the citizenry of our region.

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department provides a wide array of services, including immunizations, AIDS/HIV counseling and testing, specialty health clinics, wellness programs, outreach, and advocacy. It is the local agency responsible for ensuring safe water and air, environmental services, food protection, animal control, and health assessments of the people in Lucas County. Its staff, administration, and volunteers are committed to public service, and deeply dedicated to the promotion of public health and wellness.

Celebrated in 46 states, Public Health Week is a coordinated effort to utilize the resources of the systems of public health to educate people about a wide array of issues. This year's effort focuses on weight and obesity. With two-thirds of adults overweight, and the number of overweight children tripling in twenty years, Public Health Week 2003 urges Americans to "shape up their future."

HONORING DEE CRANE

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Dee Crane

for her exemplary service to the Mesa County Valley School District in Colorado. Dee has been an educator for forty-two years and today I would like to honor her accomplishments before this body of Congress and this nation.

Dee began teaching at Lincoln Orchard Mesa Elementary School before serving as Assistant Principal at Appleton, Pomona, and Lincoln Park Elementary Schools. She became principal at Taylor Elementary School in 1971 after two years as the district's Administrative Supervisor of Elementary Education. Since then, Dee has earned a reputation as an innovative and effective educator, consistently implementing new teaching methods and helping her students to achieve high scores on assessment tests.

Dee also recognizes the critical role of parental and community involvement in a child's education, and works with the local PTA to organize volunteer programs at Taylor. As principal, Dee plays a very active role in the lives of her students and faculty, spending her days in classrooms and on the playground rather than in the principal's office. For her efforts, Dee has earned numerous community honors, most recently named a Woman of Distinction by the Grand Junction American Business Women's Association.

Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to recognize Dee Crane for her service to Mesa County Valley School District and to elementary education in Western Colorado. Dee is a guiding force in the lives of her young students and a dedicated leader of Taylor Elementary School. It is my great privilege to honor her today, and I wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO ERIC SCOTT RUSSELL

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a great American youth, Eric Scott Russell. Eric Scott Russell was born on May 1, 1985 to Julie and Darryl Russell.

The family is a member of St. Dominic parish where Eric attended elementary school. His academic learning was broadened with his attendance at University School, St. Ignatius High School and Charles Rush, where he was to graduate June 2003. In addition to his schooling, Eric was an exceptional athlete in cross country track and field and football.

Eric had a desire to have a career in journalism. As a result of his diligence and hard work, the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Cleveland National Association of Black Journalists selected Eric to participate in a seven-week internship and seminar, where he was honored as "the most knowledgeable on current events".

At his home going services, I read Eric Scott Russell's college entrance essay entitled, "Overcoming Adversity". It read:

Many people say that the adversity we face in life can either make us or break us. Well, it all depends on the way that you look at obstacles, placed in your path, and what you learn as a result of going through them. I have learned the true relevance of this for myself because of recent adversity that I have faced. This adversity has taught me